

Remarks:

In the specifications, the new paragraphs were to describe figures 16 and 17.

In the claims, claims 1-3, 5-6, and 8-9 have been cancelled. Claims 4, 7, 10 and 13 were amended to more accurately define Applicant's invention. New claims 14-30 have been added to this application. A check in the amount of \$175.00 is enclosed to cover the fee. Claims 10, 13, 14 and 30 have been added to demonstrate the important distinctions of the present invention over US 6,332,288. The Examiner rejected claims as being anticipated by US 6,550,184 to O'Donnell. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejection of the amended claims in view of O'Donnell.

O'Donnell does not teach or suggest certain key features of Applicant's claims. Specifically with respect to claims 10, 14 and 30, there is no teaching or suggestion in O'Donnell of a channel having a first retaining means and a second retaining means with a separate side support member having a retaining arm that moves between the first and second retaining means.

O'Donnell does not teach or suggest a guide for directing the pivot bar where the guide has a diagonal wall and first and second side diagonal walls on opposite sides of the diagonal wall to guide the pivot bar. Thus, claims 13 and 16 should be allowed.

Claims 15 and 23's arrangement for receiving a stability member is not taught or suggested in O'Donnell. O'Donnell does not teach or suggest the third and fourth retaining means of claims 17 and 24. Claims 18 and 25's retaining tab on the pivot member is not taught or suggested by O'Donnell.

The arrangement of the stability member in the housing as taught by claims 20 and 27 is not taught or suggested by O'Donnell, nor is the structure of the stability member as claimed in claims 21, 22, 28 and 29.

The arrangement of the side support member in claims 19 and 26 is also not taught or suggested in the patent cited by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant requests reconsideration of the rejection.

Respectfully submitted,



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